

ABSTRACT

A mechanical picker for use in collecting asparagus spears, including a picking assembly, and a picking assembly carriage, characterised in that once the spear of asparagus has been selected to be picked, the picking assembly carriage continues to move forward with respect to the ground and the picking assembly moves backwards with respect to the picking assembly carriage so as to stay in a virtually static position during the picking operation with respect to the spear of asparagus that has been selected to be picked.